

WE CLAIM:

1. A system for tracking individual activity, comprising:

(a) a remote site including:

5 a plurality of interactive devices that each engage an individual in an interactive activity;

a plurality of RF enclosures, wherein each respective enclosure is coupled to a respective interactive device, and wherein each enclosure includes an RF reader and a display;

10 (b) a plurality of RF transponders,

wherein each transponder includes a respective identifier; and

wherein when the transponder is placed in proximity to the RF enclosure, the identifier is obtained by the RF reader;

(c) a central site, wherein the central site is in at least periodic communication with the remote site;

15 the central site including a database; and

wherein the database stores the identifier for each transponder and further stores information associated with each respective identifier, the information including information regarding an individual in possession of the respective transponder.

20 2. The system of claim 1, wherein the information includes information regarding an individual in possession of the respective transponder, including a point balance, and wherein the point balance is reflective of the individual's activity at the plurality of interactive devices.

25 3. The system of claim 1, wherein the information includes information regarding an individual in possession of the respective transponder, including a point balance, and wherein the point balance is an accumulation of points based on the individual's activity at the plurality of interactive devices and awards from an establishment utilizing the system.

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4. The system of claim 2, wherein the points have a monetary value and are redeemable.
- 5 5. The system of claim 1, wherein information stored in the database further includes session activity, where a session is the time period from the time the transponder is placed in proximity to the RF reader until a logout event.
- 10 6. The system of claim 1, wherein when the transponder is placed in proximity to the RF enclosure, the identifier is obtained by the RF reader and transmitted to the central site, wherein upon receiving the identifier, the central site transmits information to the respective enclosure at the remote site, including information regarding an individual in possession of the respective transponder and a point balance for the individual, wherein the information is displayed to the individual.
- 15 7. The system of claim 1, wherein the plurality of interactive devices include gaming devices, kiosks, and pay stations.
8. The system of claim 6, wherein gaming devices include slot machines and gaming tables.
- 20 9. The system of claim 1, wherein the RF enclosure further includes a keypad.
10. The system of claim 1, wherein the RF enclosure further includes a keypad and a controller.
- 25 11. The system of claim 1, including a plurality of remote sites, wherein the central site is in at least periodic communication with each remote site, and wherein the database stores information accumulated from all of the remote sites.
- 30 12. A system for tracking individual activity, comprising:
an interactive device that engages an individual in an interactive activity;

an RF enclosure, wherein the enclosure is coupled to the interactive device, and wherein the enclosure includes an RF reader and a display;
an RF transponder, wherein the transponder includes an identifier; and
wherein when the transponder is placed in proximity to the RF enclosure, the
5 identifier is obtained by the RF reader.

13. The system of claim 12, wherein the display displays a point balance, the point balance reflective of the individual's activity at the interactive device and other interactive devices.

10 14. The system of claim 12, wherein the RF enclosure is coupled to a computing device that is designed for at least periodic communication with a central site.

15 15. The system of claim 12, wherein the RF enclosure further includes a keypad.

16. The system of claim 15, wherein the display and the keypad are integral.

17. The system of claim 12, wherein the RF enclosure further includes a keypad and a controller.

20 18. The system of claim 12, wherein the interactive device is one of a gaming device, a kiosk, and a pay station.

25 19. The system of claim 18, wherein the gaming device is one of a slot machine and a gaming table.

20. A method for tracking individual activity, comprising:

receiving, at an interactive device at a remote site, an RF signal from a transponder held by an individual, the signal including an identifier;

30 transmitting the identifier to a central site; and

tracking activity by the individual until a logout event, wherein information about the activity is stored at the central site.

21. The method of claim 20, further comprising:

5 after transmitting the identifier to a central site, using the identifier at the central site to retrieve information about the individual, and transmitting, by the central site, the information to the interactive device.

22. The method of claim 21, wherein the information includes a point balance.

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23. The method of claim 20, wherein tracking activity by the individual includes accumulating a point balance for the individual reflective of the individual's activity.

24. The method of claim 20, further including:

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 wherein tracking activity by the individual includes accumulating a point balance for the individual reflective of the individual's activity; and
 permitting the individual to redeem points in the point balance for cash at the interactive device without assistance of other persons.

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25. The method of claim 20, further including:

 receiving, at the interactive device, an enroll signal;

 receiving, at an interactive device, an RF signal from a transponder held by an individual, the signal including an identifier;

 prompting the individual to enter a PIN; and

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 transmitting the identifier and PIN to a central site.

26. The method of claim 24, further including:

 prior to receiving an RF signal from a transponder held by an individual,
 receiving, at the interactive device, an RF signal from a transponder held by an
30 employee, the signal including an employee identifier.

27. The method of claim 20, further including:

generating a plurality of reports at the central site relating to activities conducted on the plurality interactive devices at the plurality remote sites; and displaying a report to an authorized individual at a remote site.

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28. The method of claim 26, wherein one of the report relates to the current activity of a single individual in real time.

29. The method of claim 26, wherein the reports are displayed to authorized personnel over the internet:

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30. A method for tracking individual activity, comprising:

receiving, at any one of a plurality of interactive devices at any one of a plurality remote sites, an RF signal from a transponder held by an individual, the signal including an identifier;

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transmitting the identifier to a central site;

tracking, by the remote site, activity by the individual at the interactive device until a logout event, wherein information about the activity is stored at the central site;

generating a plurality of reports at the central site relating to activities conducted on the plurality interactive devices at the plurality remote sites; and displaying a report to an authorized individual at a remote site.

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31. The method of claim 30, wherein one of the reports relates to the activity of a single individual.

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32. The method of claim 31, wherein the one report reflects current activity for the individual in real time.

33. The method of claim 30, wherein the report is displayed to authorized personnel over the internet.

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34. A method for tracking individual activity, comprising:

receiving, at an interactive device at a remote site, an enroll signal;

receiving, at an interactive device at a remote site, an RF signal from a transponder held by an individual, the signal including an identifier;

5 prompting the individual to enter a PIN; and

transmitting the identifier and PIN to a central site.

35. The method of claim 34, further including:

10 tracking activity by the individual until a logout event, wherein information about the activity is stored at the central site.

36. The method of claim 34, further including:

15 prior to receiving an RF signal from a transponder held by an individual, receiving, at the interactive device, an RF signal from a transponder held by an employee, the signal including an employee identifier.

37. A method for tracking individual activity, comprising:

receiving, at an interactive device at a remote site, an RF signal from a transponder held by an individual, the signal including an identifier;

20 transmitting the identifier to a central site;

using the identifier at the central site to retrieve a point balance for the individual;

transmitting, by the central site, the information to the interactive device;

displaying, by the interactive device, the point balance; and

25 permitting the individual to redeem points in the point balance for cash at the interactive device without assistance of other persons.